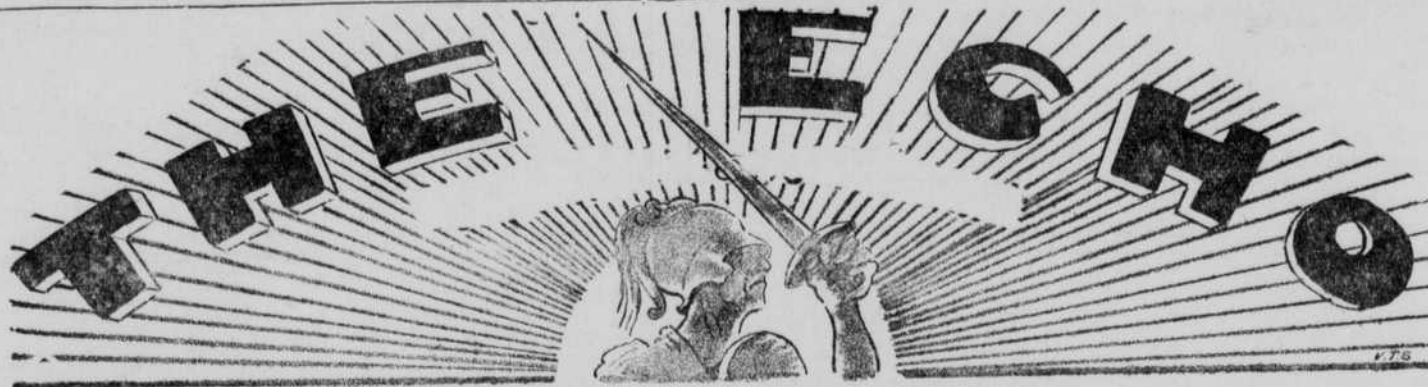


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SIX NEGRO BATTALIONS

Expressions of the H. B. A. Presidents

REQUEST FOR JUNE BOARD

Dear Secretary:

We the members of Lodge No. 444 at Collins are requesting that you hold one of the June Boards in our section with our lodge.

Mrs. Eula Berkhalter, President.

To the Office of the H. B. A.:

Lodge No. 344 at Leakesville, Mississippi, always does its best to give you a fine entertainment in the Board and we assure you that if you will give us the June Board we will beat the rest of the presidents in adding members for the seventy-fifth anniversary. We have started to adding members. Just watch us.

W. H. J. Weaver, President.
Lodge No. 344, Leakesville, Miss.

COLLINS

Dear Editor:

Lodge No. 444, located at Collins, Mississippi, is asking for the June Board in this section. If you will bring the board to us we will do our best to entertain it.

Mrs. Eula Berkhalter, President.

QUITMAN

Dear Reverend Young:

I am sending in one application blank for a renewal in the 1000 membership drive in honor of the General President. You may count on me for three more members.

John Green, President No. 210

MENDENHALL NEWS

Reverend Will Newson, chaplain of H. B. A. No. 239 passed away on March 5th. He had been chaplain ever since 1926 of the Willing Workers.

He leaves to mourn four sons, three daughters, eight grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lena Daniel, Reporter.

COLLINS NEWS

Leach Chapel Methodist, Mt. Zion Baptist and Macedonia Baptist church had a joint prayer meeting at Macedonia for three nights. The object of the meeting was praying for victory of the war. The house was crowded each night. It was one of the most concerted meetings we have witnessed. If the war isn't won, I believe there were souls won for Christ.

Mrs. Ula Berkhalter, President

STATE LINE NEWS

Dear Editor:

We mean to rally in the 75th Anniversary Celebration in honor of the general president because the H. B. A. is the best by every test. I have been a member for nine years and love the order. We can get all the help we want from our white friends. They tell us that we have something better than they have.

George L. Pierce, Jr.,
President, No. 355.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.

Lodge No. 231 has lost one of its members in the person of Brother Tom Grant. Brother Grant departed this life on March 19, and was buried on the 20th.

Joe Knox, President

BOND, MISS.

Mrs. Viola Batson, President of Lodge No. 198, wishes to report the death of one of her members in the person of Brother George Fowler. Brother Fowler departed this life on March 27, 1942.

WIGGINS, MISS.

Mr. L. B. Marshall, president of Lodge No. 105, wishes to report the death of one of his faithful members in the person of Sister P. W. Hayes who resided in Chicago, Ill. at the time of her death. Sister Hayes departed this life on March 22, 1942.

Mrs. Elvera McDonald, Reporter.

CITY

Mrs. M. J. Moore, President of Lodge No. 72 was one of the unfortunate persons who was in the flood on March 21, 1942. Mrs. Moore wishes to thank her rescuers for saving her from the 3 1/2 feet deep water.

M. L. Smith, Secretary

Mrs. M. E. Curry, President of
H. B. A. No. 308



To the Editor of the Weekly Echo:
I wish to state that I am entering into the celebration with plenty of pep and enthusiasm. I congratulate the sponsors of this affair. Enclosed you will find one application blank. We want to honor our General President.

Very truly yours,

WE WANT THE H. B. A. BOARD

To the General President of the
H. B. A.:

Lodge No. 301 at State Line, Mississippi, wants to entertain the Board in June. You know we know how to do it. We will give you a grand and noble time. We will beat all the rest. Will you please let the president and members of Lodge No. 301 have the June Board? We won in the first drive and will win in the birthday celebration.—C. L. Moore, President and Mrs. Minnie McCann, Secretary.

Dear Secretary:

Lodge No. 240, Gulfport, Mississippi, is asking for the June Board. We did not know about the drive until we read the paper, but we are in for the drive 100%. Please send me some application blanks. Let me know right away if we can get the Board.—Mrs. Lizzie Wiley, Lodge No. 240, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Mr. Secretary:

We are writing you for the June Board to come to Picayune, Mississippi. We have held the fort a long time here by ourselves. Won't you please come to us. We will give you a big time.

Undertaker Baylous and President Sebe Sandifer, the members of Lodge No. 373, members of Lodge No. 483 and the "King Fish" will give you a big time. Let us know if you will give us the board.—Lodge No. 383, Aaron Trotter, President.

Dear Secretary:

Lodge No. 299 at Macon, Mississippi, is pleading for the June Board. Please let us have it. We are going to grow our membership. We are in the 75th Anniversary Celebration. We are going to put all of these presidents up here in the shade.

—Wm. Neal.

Paul Robeson To Sing At Tuskegee Southern Youth Meet

PAUL ROBESON TO SING AT
TUSKEGEE SOUTHERN
YOUTH MEET

First Appearance in Deep South

Birmingham, Ala., 3-26-42. Announcement was made today that Paul Robeson will be presented for the first time in the South, when he sings at the cultural session of the 5th All-Southern Negro Youth Conference, which is to be held at Tuskegee, Institute, Alabama, Saturday, April 18. The singer's first appearance in the deep South will be before an audience of delegates and friends who gather at the first South-wide conference of Negro youth devoted to national unity and national defense. Robeson, who has just completed a series of concerts in the mid-west and west has many times in the past months spoken out for an end to the discrimination which is menacing the successful defense of America. He has also stated that the primary issue facing our country today is the defeat of Fascism.

The Southern Negro Youth Congress, sponsors of the event, declared that Robeson's appearance will be especially appropriate because the great singer symbolizes more than any other American, the spirit of international unity against Hitlerism which will keynote the Conference. It was pointed out that, before the National Administration recognized the full meaning of the Japanese threat to American security, Robeson sang Chinese war songs to the soldiers of Chiang Kai-shek's Army. In 1938 he visited the trenches in Spain and with his songs encouraged Negro and white American volunteers in the Spanish Republican Army. In London he gave benefits for the British troops, and he is greatly loved and admired in the Soviet Union where for many years, the Robeson family made its home.

The cultural session of the Confer-

ence is expected to draw a record attendance from Tuskegee students and Faculty members, as well as music lovers throughout Alabama and in the nearby metropolitan centers of Atlanta, Chattanooga and Nashville.

Haven-Rust Club Spring CALENDAR

HAVEN RUST SPRING CALENDAR

The Haven-Rust Club is announcing its events for the Spring Calendar. In the dramatic field the club will bring to its vast play-going public, a sequel to the two other plays, heretofore presented, "The New Minister" and "The Minister's Wife." This time it will be "The Minister's Honey-moon." Look for this rollicking, hilarious, side-splitting Comedy, chuck and crammed with the enjoyment you have so long awaited.

Added to the humor and repartee, this comedy is brimming with colorful, light, brilliant, restful, sparkling, melodies.

Your favorite actors and actresses will be presented in early April.

Later in the season, "Junior Artist Night" will be the next feature. This program presents the young artists of the city, boys and girls, the leaders of the future.

Watch for the date of these two big nights and put them on your "Must List."

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Formation of Six New Military Police Battalions Authorized By Army.

SIX NEW NEGRO MILITARY
POLICE BATTALIONS
AUTHORIZED BY ARMY

Formation of six Negro Military Police Battalions for service in the Zone of the interior has been authorized, the War Department announced. The Battalions will guard factories, warehouses, bridges, power houses and similar installations.

Each Battalion will include about 500 enlisted men. Members of the Battalions must be at least five feet nine inches tall, must weigh at least 165 pounds and are required to have a high intelligence quotient.

One of the Battalions, the 732nd, is already in process of formation. It will serve in the Sixth Corps Area with headquarters in Chicago.

The 730th Battalion is to be formed by May 1, and the 731st by July

1, both for duty in the Second Corps Area with headquarters in New York City.

The 733rd and the 734th Battalions have been assigned to the Ninth Corps Area on the Pacific coast. The former will be organized July 1, and the latter, May 1.

The 755th Battalion has been assigned to the Seventh Corps Area, headquarters in Omaha. This Battalion is to be in service by June 1.

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